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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is noted that although claim 1 – 10 as filed stand rejected under 35 USC 112 with a number of issues raised by the Office, claims 1 and 2 – 10 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the enumerated rejections.

In response to the various issues aptly raised by the Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to provide adequate antecedent basis throughout the claim. In addition, the preamble of claim 1 recites that the mortar cartridge has a tail fin which is referred to in line 4.

Claim 5-7 now recite the claimed dimensions in metric units (S.I.) in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Also it should be noted that the dimensions recited in these claims correspond to the values appearing on page 5, paragraph 0019 of the specification.

The phraseology in claim 8 pointed out as being indefinite has been deleted.

Therefore all of the issues concerning 35 USC 112 has been fully addressed.


The art cited but not applied by the Office noted on pages 1 and 2 of PTO-892 have been reviewed in view of statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. None of the references show a retaining clip as recited by the pending claims.

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Therefore applicants earnestly solicit favorable action in regard to the claims so that the case may be allowed to pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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